Extension of Naihati and Budge-Budge line

436. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Techno Economic Survey was undertaken to extend the Naihati and Budge-Budge line under Sealdah division upto Bandel, under Howrah division; and

(b) if so, the latest development thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pending safety packages

437. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of rail accident in the last one year and the details arising thereof;

(b) the number of occasions where shortcomings in the track and bridges have been located and traffic has been affected with details arising out of each such discovery;

(c) whether for any of these sabotage has been established;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of safety related packages pending, the financial requirement of such projects and a tentative time-table and plan of implementation and other details arising thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The number of consequential rail accidents during the year 2001-2002 were 414. These include 280 derailments, 30 collisions, 88 accidents at level crossings, 8 cases of fire in trains and 8 miscellaneous accidents.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) To wipe out the arrears in replacement of overaged assets like track, bridges, rolling stock, signalling gears, etc. in a fixed time frame of